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INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGN AGENCIES IN HEALTH CARE PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign agencies are interested to join hands with Indian Health Care Programmes to provide medical diagnostic facilities in various States;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals pending with the Union Government which have been sent by the State Governments;

(c) the reasons for not clearing these proposals;

(d) the details of funds received by the Central Government under the Development Related Transaction Programme (DRTP) from Netherland during the last three years; and

(e) the manner in which the grants/aid is passed on to the States by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) State Health System Development Projects are under implementation with World Bank assistance to improve/upgrade secondary level health systems in the state of Karnataka, West Bengal, Punjab, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttranchal and Uttar Pradesh. The proposals for State Health System Development Projects received from Govt. of Assam,Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Kerala have been submitted to World Bank for assistance.

Besides, State Govt. UTs of West Bengal, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Gujarat, Delhi, Chandigarh, U.P. and Karnataka have submitted proposals for strengthening the quality and upgradation of medical colleges and attached hospitals with World Bank assistance. However, the present focus of the World Bank funding for health sector is on disease control, primary health, family welfare and immunization. These proposals of States/UTs are not in line with present priorities of World Bank funding for the Health Sector in India.

(d) & (e) The Netherlands has been extending financial assistance under its Development Cooperation Programme (Not Development Related Transaction Programme) to India, mainly in the form of general purpose credits, supplier`s credit and debt relief assistance. From 1992 onwards the Dutch assistance was completely in the form of grants. The Dutch assistance to India was concentrated in three States, viz Andhra Pradesh,Gujarat and Kerala. The sectors involved in these States are as under:

Andhra Pradesh - Basic education, urban environment, rural development/water management.
Gujarat - Mental health, basic education, rural development/water management.
Kerala - Local self-government, rural development/water management.

Dutch development assistance to India during the last three years is given below.

2000 - Euro 36.55 million
2001 - Euro 32.22 million
2002 - Euro 58 million